

Shrewsbury Commission on Disabilities Minutes of March 11, 2005
10:00 am.
Selectman Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order by Gail Sokolowski and seconded by Jerry Berrier.

In Attendance

Gail Sokolowski - Vice Chair
Jerry Barrier - Communication and Web Site Liason
Barbara Smith - Secretary

Approval of Commission Minutes

Ms. Sokolowski motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 8, 2005. Seconded by Mr. Berrier, the motion was so voted.

Guests

None

Town Liason Report

Michael Hale, Assistant Town Manager briefly stated that he continues to get complaints from residents and businesses in the center of town about the noise from the audible traffic signal, specifically addressing the “chirping” sound that it heard at all hours of the day. Barbara Smith mentioned that Mr. Morgado stated at February’s Commission meeting that he was going to follow-up addressing the complaints with a letter explaining the need to keep the volume high due to heavy traffic noise and the possibility of the audible signal already equipped with an ambient sound regulator. Mr. Hale stated he wasn’t aware of either of these issues.

Appointments

None

Bills

None

Phone Log

Gail Sokolowski was told by Loretta Henry that there were no phone messages.

Member Discussion

Jerry Berrier stated that he was trying to get as many people to attend the meeting at Clark University on March 16th concerning Voter Equipment Accessibility Fair which was going to be a “hands on” presentation and was going to get a message to Secretary Galvin that this is an important issue of accessible voting machinery for people with disabilities.

Mr. Berrier also stated he had received a phone call from a newspaper reporter from The Record, who wanted to know more about the audible traffic signals. Mr. Berrier had a discussion with her and stated that he and the Commission were pleased with the Town’s response and commitment to the disability community.

Old Business

The members in attendance discussed the response from Dr. Bent, Shrewsbury Schools Superintendent that was sent from the Commission to Dr. Bent concerning the frequent cancellation of the Stepping Stone Theater workshops at Floral Street School without any notice. The members felt that the letter was effective in bringing this issue to Dr. Bent’s attention and perhaps would curtail the cancellation incidences to a minimum.

Our next meeting will be held on April 11, 2005 at 7pm at Town Hall, Meeting Room A

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am by Gail Sokolowski and seconded by Jerry Berrier.

Respectfully submitted by
Barbara Smith